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SYNOPTIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. The Board adopted the provisional agenda for its twenty-third executive session (TD/B/EX(23)/1).

Item 2: Report of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole

2. At the first part of the executive session, on 17 December, the Board was informed that the Preparatory Committee of the Whole had not been able to complete its work on the pre-Conference text for UNCTAD X (TD(X)/PC/CRP.3). The Bureau would meet on 17 January 2000 and the executive session of the Board would be reconvened on 27 January 2000. Informal consultations would be held in the intervening period.

3. At the second part of the executive session, on 27 January 2000, the Board took note of the pre-Conference text as submitted by the Preparatory Committee and requested the President of the Board to transmit the text to the Conference. (The text was subsequently issued in document TD/L.361.)

Item 3: Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Designation of intergovernmental organizations for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

4. The Board decided that the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) should be designated under rule 76 of the rules of procedure so that it might participate in the deliberations of the Conference, the Board and its subsidiary organs.

5. The Board noted that the Ministerial Conference of West and Central African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR) had changed its name to Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa (MOWCA), and that the West African Clearing House (WACH) had changed its name to West African Monetary Agency (WAMA).

(b) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

6. The Board decided that the Africa Resources Trust (ART), Focus on the Global South, and the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) should be granted status and classified in the general category, in accordance with paragraph 12(a) of Board decision 43(VII).

(c) Preparations for the review by the tenth session of the Conference of the lists of States annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX)

7. The Board was informed that consultations were proceeding and would continue.

(d) Membership of the Working Party

8. The Board was informed that consultations were proceeding and would continue.

Item 4: Other matters

9. In accordance with established practice, Zimbabwe was drawn by lot to be first in the alphabetical order to be used for seating arrangements at UNCTAD X.

10. The Board was informed that the secretariat was making available to it an informal paper on "Improving the functioning and the structure of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD".

Item 5: Report of the Board on its twenty-third session

11. The Board authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on its current session under the authority of the President.